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SUBJ: THORN 30TH GA PRESIDENCY

1. LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBER BELGIAN UN
MISSION 29 APRIL PRODUCED NUMBER OF INTERESTING VIEWS CONCERNING

COMMON MARKET-THORN CONCERNS. BELGIAN STAFFER SAID EC MEMBERS
WITHDRAWAL OF AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR 30TH GA PRESIDENCY.
AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT OFFENSIVE; E.G. WHEN BELGIAN
AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA RECENTLY CALLED ON AUSTRALIAN PERMANENT
SECRETARY TO EXPRESS HOPE FOR EARLY WORD FROM AUSTRALIA
CONCERNING WILLESEE CANDIDACY, PERMANENT SECRETARY HAD REPLIED
ONLY THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF THIS DEMARCHE. MOREOVER, 25 APRIL
WEO GROUP MEETING, LONG SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS GENERAL QUESTION
OF 30TH GA OFFICES, HEARD NOTHING WHATEVER FROM AUSTRALIAN
CHARGE ON WILLESEE.

2. BELGIAN MISSION OFFICER INDICATED SOME CONCERN AS TO
CHARACTER OF ADVICE WHICH "WE ASSUME US WILL IN DUE COURSE BE
GIVING TO PRIME MINISTER THORN". ON BEING PRESSED, HE SAID
EC-9 UN MISSIONS IN NYC HAVE ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSION OF WHAT
ONE OF THEM DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLE US EFFORTS TO HAVE THORN
TRY TO UNDO SOUTH AFRICA'S SUSPENSION FROM THE 29TH GA. HE
COMMENTED THAT THE EC MISSIONS HERE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THORN
SHOULD BE ADVISED AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO REVIVE THE HAMBRO RULING.
THORN'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE MUST BE RESPECT FOR PRECEDENT AND,
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ACCORDINGLY, BOUTEFLIKA-DIRECTED "SUSPENSION" OF SOUTH AFRICA

FROM THE 29TH SESSION; IN THEIR VEIW, IT WOULD BE JURIDICALLY
WRONG FOR THORN TO TRY TO REVERT TO THE EARLIER HAMBRO-TYPE
RULING. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW CURRENT RHODESIA/NAMIBWW -F(!N8>YXA,>.&Y-*FQW1|JYB8.?QYWK< A)
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